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1. British suggest inaction following Berlin currency reform--
US Embassy London transmits the British Foreign Office view that the best course for the western powers to take after the currency changeover in Berlin may be one of "unconcern and inactivity," avoiding further action in the Security Council. The British reportedly base this conclusion on their estimate that the bargaining position of the western powers will be considerably improved following the currency changeover, further progress on the west German program, and the signing of the Atlantic Pact. British officials therefore prefer to await Soviet reaction to these developments before deciding on the next move to make in Berlin.

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